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Historical.

We commence this week, the publication of the proceedings of the Board of Delegates, from May 8th 1851, until April 7, 1856, at which time the publication of this paper commenced, and with the business transacted at the meeting of the Board. Everything pertaining to the Fire Department, prior to the above date, except some few books and papers saved by individual companies, was destroyed by the disastrous fire, May 4th, 1851, which not only involved the archives of the Fire Department, but the property and interests of the people in one common ruin; from the effects of which they have not yet fully recovered. Much of interest to every fireman, and to the citizens generally, will be found in this history, as it may be termed of the Fire Department. We shall continue it from week to week until entirely completed; when we will have the satisfaction of knowing that all the business of the Board of Delegates, almost from its first inception, will be in print, and in a shape suitable at any time for reference.

Board of Delegates. MAY 8, 1851.

Regular meeting of the Board of Delegates, of the Fire Department, was held this day at Monumental engine house.
Meeting called to order.
F. D. Kohler, Chief Engineer, in the chair, the Secretary being reported absent from the State, on motion, the Board proceeded to the election of a Secretary, which resulted in the choice of J. L. Van Bokkelen of Sansome Hook and Ladder Co., No. 3.
On motion the reading of the proceedings of last meeting was dispensed with, in consequence of the records of the Department having been burned in the fire of the 4th of May.
On motion, resolved "that the Constitution as engrossed, be passed to new records, and the fact of the records being burnt and destroyed by recent fire be noted."
On motion of Mr. Mellus, a committee were appointed of three, to draft a Constitution and By-Laws, for the government of the Board of Delegates. Mellus, Parker, and McIntire, were appointed on said committee.
On motion the Secretary was instructed to apply in the name of the Board to the Common Council to grant power to the Chief Engineer to appoint an Assistant for balance of term in place of E. A. Ebbets, who has left the State.
On motion a vote of thanks was tendered Mr. John Middleton for his generosity in furnishing the Department with an official seal.
On motion, a committee of 3, was appointed to draft an ordinance, declaring the power, duties, and rights of Firemen, to be presented to the city council, and request the same to be passed by them.
Committee, Messrs. Parker, McIntire, Mellus, and President.
On motion, Board adjourned.
J. L. Van Bokkelen, Secretary.

SPECIAL MEETING.

The Board of Delegates, met this evening, Oct. 24, 1851, pursuant to notice.
T. K. Battelle, acting Chief Engineer in the chair. 11 members present.
Minutes of last meeting, was read and approved.
On motion sundry amendments were suggested to the ordinance for re-organizing Fire Department now before the council.

Messrs. Buckingham, Harris, Van Bokkelen, and Battelle, were appointed a committee to communicate with the council, and request them to adopt such amendments.
On motion, meeting adjourned subject to call.

At a meeting of the Board, held on October 24th T. K. Battelle, acting Chief in the chair.
Minutes of previous meeting, read and approved.
On motion, ordinance No. 198, re-organizing the Fire Department, was read.

On motion the Board proceeded to election of Judges, as provided in ordinance No. 198, when the following gentlemen were chosen:
John McGlynn,..... Empire No. 1.
Geo. W. Garwood,..... California No. 4.
Geo. W. Gibbs,..... St. Francis H. & L. 1.
On motion the Secretary was instructed to request the Mayor, to order that the election be held at the Pioneer Club House, Montgomery street on Monday, adjourned.

At a meeting of the Board of Delegates, held at the St. Francis Hook and Ladder House on Thursday evening, November 6th.—T. K. Battelle, chief, in chair. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.
On motion, the new members elect to board, under provisions of ordinance No. 198, presented their certificates of election, when the following gentlemen were admitted to their seats in this body of ensuing year:
From Empire No. 1, John A. Gylan, Moses E. Flanagan.
From Protection No. 2, A. Wason, E. P. Colgan.
From California No. 4, Wm. N. Thompson, Geo. N. Shaw.
From Knickerbocker No. 5,

R. R. Harris, C. E. Buckingham.
From Monumental No. 6, 7, and 8, Peter Stroble, Dr. William Rabe.
From St. Francis Hook and Ladder No. 1, George W. Gibbs, J. B. Campbell.
From Howard No. 9, D. H. Rand, John McCarthy.
From Howard Hook and Ladder No. 2, George Mellus, A. C. Wakeman.
From Sansome Hook and Ladder No. 3, J. L. Van Bokkelen, Thomas D. Greene.
Roll called—11 members present.
On motion,
Resolved, That this board continue to act under the old organization and present officers until further action.

The returns of the election held on Monday, Nov. 3, 1851, under provisions of ordinance No. 198, for Chief Engineer, First, Second, and Third Assistants, was handed to the board by John A. McGlynn, one of the judges, which declared as follows:

For Chief Engineer:
Frank Whitney, of Howard No. 9,.....398 votes
Geo. H. Hossefross, of Monumental,.....374
Whitney's majority for Chief Engineer,.....24.

For Assistant Engineers:
Charles Case, Sansome H. & L., received 559 votes
Wm. McKibbin, of Empire,.....471
R. B. Harris, of Knickerbocker,.....426
H. R. Haste, of California,.....328
F. Rivors, of Protection,.....329
George Wyckoff,.....9
A motion was made to declare Franklin Whitney Chief Engineer, Charles L. Case First Assistant, Wm. McKibbin Second Assistant, R. B. Harris Third Assistant, when Dr. Rabe, of Monumental, took the floor, and proceeded to state various reasons upon the propriety of appointing a committee to whom should be referred the returns of election, and to inquire into all matters relating thereto, when prolonged discussion and counter motions took place.

Dr. Rabe then presented in writing the following charges:

First charge: "That the Secretary of the Board of Delegates, contrary to law, admitted rolls of companies after the time allowed by law."

Second charge: "That the same Secretary omitted in his return lists to the judges of election names of members which should have been on them."

Third charge: "That company No. 9 did return more members to the Secretary of the board than had signed their constitution, or were, within the meaning of their own laws, members of their company."

Fourth charge: "That persons absent from the city were represented by strangers, and votes given under false names."

Fifth charge: "That the whole election was illegal."

Sixth charge: "That the enumeration herein made changed the result of the election."

After which it was moved that the result be declared, which was amended to refer charges to select committee of five, to report on Tuesday evening, November 11, at 7 o'clock, which was carried.

The chair appointed the following gentlemen on said committee: George Mellus, Peter Stroble, James H. Campbell, Charles E. Buckingham, John A. McGlynn.

When a motion adjourned to meet on Tuesday evening, Nov. 11, at 7 o'clock

November 11.

The board met pursuant to adjournment on Tuesday evening, Nov. 11.

R. R. Harris was called to chair.
Present—J. A. McGlynn, No. 1; A. Wason, No. 2; W. W. Thompson, No. 4; R. R. Harris, C. E. Buckingham, No. 5; P. Stroble, No. 6, 7, and 8; D. H. Rand, John McCarthy, No. 9; Geo. W. Gibbs, J. Campbell, Hook and Ladder No. 1; Van Bokkelen and Greene, Hook and Ladder No. 3.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The report from select committee of five to investigate charges as preferred by Rabe was received, read, adopted, and committee discharged.

Report.

The committee appointed by the Board of Delegates of the Fire Department, at a meeting of that body held Thursday evening, Nov. 6, 1851, for the purpose of investigating charges of informality and illegality in the late election for Chief and Assistant Engineers, beg leave to submit the following

REPORT:

That, at a meeting of the committee held at the office of the Secretary of the board on Friday evening, Nov. 7th—present, Messrs. Mellus, McGlynn, Stroble, Campbell, and Buckingham, they proceeded to investigate the charge of Wm. Rabe, Esq., noted as charge:

No. 1.—said charge being as follows, viz: "That the Secretary of the Board of Delegates, contrary to law, admitted rolls of companies after the time allowed by law."

Mr. J. L. Van Bokkelen, Secretary of the Board of Delegates, being examined, testified as follows: That the rolls of:
Empire Engine Co.,.....No. 1.
Protection Engine Co.,.....No. 2.
California Engine Co.,.....No. 3.
Knickerbocker Engine Co.,.....No. 4.
St. Francis Hook and Ladder Co.,.....No. 5.
Howard Hook and Ladder Co.,.....No. 6.
Sansome Hook and Ladder Co.,.....No. 7.
were duly returned to him by the Secretaries of said companies, at least 2 days previous to the election, and within the time prescribed by law.

That the Secretary of Monumental Engine Co., No. 6, 7, and 8, called upon him on Friday Oct. 31, for the purpose of arranging the roll of said Co., and at his request, the matter was deferred until Sunday morning Nov. 2d, at which time the Secretary of said company again called, and furnished the certificate roll of said Co.

That the Secretary of Howard Engine Co., No. 9, called upon him previous to Saturday Nov. 1st, for the purpose of arranging the roll of said Co., and, at his request, the matter was deferred until Sunday morning Nov. 2d, at which time the Secretary of said Co., again called and furnished the roll of said company.

No further evidence or any proof to the contrary being produced—the committee proceeded to the investigation of charge:

No. 2.—said charge being as follows:

"That the same Secretary omitted in his return lists, to the Judges of election, names of persons, which should have been on them."

Mr. Van Bokkelen having made an explanation with reference to said charge, it was unanimously resolved, that the committee find no grounds to sustain charge No. 2.

Charges 3, 4, 5, and 6, were not considered; said charges being as follows—viz:

Charge No. 3.—"That Company No. 9, did return more members to the Secretary of the Board than had signed their constitution, or were within the meaning of their own laws, members of their company."

Charge Nov. 4.—That persons absent from the city were represented by strangers, and votes given under false names.

Charge No. 5.—That the whole election was illegal.

Charge No. 6.—That the enumeration herein made changed the result of the election.

No evidence having been submitted to the committee, to substantiate said charges, it was unanimously:

Resolved.—That charges No. 3, 4, 5, and 6, be referred back to the Board of Delegates, also—

Resolved.—That the committee through their Secretary, furnish a copy of charges Nos. 3, 4, 5, and 6, to the Secretary of Monumental Engine Co. Nos. 6, 7, and 8, and Howard Engine Company No. 9, together with a copy of the above resolutions and request them to furnish any evidence they may possess in the matter, to the Secretary of the Board of Delegates, on or before Tuesday evening Nov. 11th.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE MELLUS Chairman.
PETER STROBLE,
JOHN A. MCGLYNN,
C. E. BUCKINGHAM,
JAMES H. CAMPBELL,
San Francisco, Nov. 11, 1851.

After which debate was had upon the various points at issue when the following was offered, and adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Board will please state when the list of the Howard Company No. 9, was received and when it was properly certified.

Upon the chair asking the Secretary to comply with the spirit of the resolution; he refused for causes stated, to answer any questions.

When the following was offered and adopted:

Resolved, That the answers of the Secretary of the Board, be final and conclusive, as to the list of the Howard Company No. 9, when Mr. P. Stroble and McCarthy were appointed to ask such questions as were required, that the Secretary gave them all the information desired.

A. C. Wakeman moved that the result of election be declared as per returns by Judges, when:

Frank Whitney of Howard No. 9, was declared Chief Engineer.

Charles L. Case of Sansome H. & L. 3, 1st. Asst. Wm. McKibbin of Empire No. 1, 2d. R. R. Harris of Knickerbocker No. 5, 3d.

The following gentlemen voting in the affirmative, viz:

McGlynn, Flanagan, Thompson, Buckingham, Rand, McCarthy, Gibbs, Campbell, Wakeman, Mellus, Van Bokkelen, Greene—Ayes 12

The following voting in negative—Wason, Stroble, Case—Nays 2

Blank, 1; R. R. Harris being excused from voting.

On motion the Secretary was instructed to supply the Mayor, with a certified copy of the result of the election, as declared by the Board.

On motion adjourned to meet on Tuesday Nov. 18 at 7 o'clock.

November 18.

Tuesday evening, Nov. 18, 1851.

The board met pursuant to adjournment—T. K. Battelle acting chief in chair.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. T. K. Battelle took leave of the board as president officer, with appropriate remarks.

On motion, the following was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Fire Department be, and is hereby tendered, to Mr. T. K. Battelle, late acting Chief Engineer, for the able and efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office, and for the many exertions on his part to place the Department in possession of apparatus and appropriations from the city government.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolution be published in the city papers.

Charles L. Case, First Assistant, took the chair.

The following were appointed a committee to examine and report upon Secretary's and Treasurer's books and accounts: Messrs. McGlynn, Mellus, and Case.

On motion of Mr. Mellus,

Resolved, That the senior Engineer of the Department, present at meetings of board, act as chairman.

On motion, adjourned to meet Thursday evening, Dec. 4th, at 7 o'clock.

December 4.

December 4th, 1851, Thursday evening.

The board met pursuant to adjournment—John A. McGlynn called to chair.

Roll called—nine members present.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

R. R. Harris, Third Assistant Engineer, appearing, took the chair.

The following communications were received, read, and ordered on file:

Delegates of the Fire Department:
Gentlemen—Inclosed you will find a copy of the letter of Franklin Whitney, resigning the office of Chief Engineer of the Fire Department of this city.

According to section 8 of the ordinance No. 198, reorganizing the Fire Department, I have ordered an election for Chief Engineer to fill the vacancy, to be held at the Empire Engine House, City street, on Saturday, Dec. 8, 1856.

You will therefore, appoint judges, and take further action as may be incumbent upon you.

Signed, Respectfully,
G. J. BRENNAN, Mayor.
Mayor's Office,
San Francisco, Nov. 20, 1856.

Copy of Chief Engineer's Letter.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 17, 1851.
Hon C. J. Brennan, Mayor,
and San Francisco Fire Delegates:

Gents: In consequence of my continued illness, and no prospect of my being able to regain my former strength in this place, I have concluded to take my physician's advice, and leave here for the winter.

I therefore offer you my resignation as Chief Engineer of the Fire Department of this city.

Before leaving my associates, I would beg leave to offer them my sincere thanks for the honor conferred in electing me their chief.

Trusting that the Department may be united, and that peace and harmony may prevail,

I am, respectfully yours,
Signed, FRANKLIN WHITNEY.

On motion, the resignation of Mr. Franklin Whitney was accepted.

A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Whitney, made changing by Rabe. Mr. McCarthy moved to lay same on table.

Yeas and nays called for.

The following voting in favor of laying on table, viz:

Yeas—McCarthy, Van Bokkelen, Greene—3
Nays—McGlynn, Wason, Colgan, Stroble, Rabe, Gibbs, Rand—5

Motion to adopt the vote of thanks was renewed and passed unanimously.

Ordered that same be published in papers.

On motion, proceeded to election of judges—for election to be held on 6th inst. for Chief Engineer, which resulted in the choice of the following gentlemen:

John A. McGlynn,.....of Empire No. 1
A. Wason,.....of Protection No. 2
Geo. W. Gibbs,.....of St. Francis H. & L. No. 1

On motion, Dr. Rabe, Van Bokkelen, and McGlynn, were appointed a committee to draft new constitution and by-laws.

The action of Secretary, relative to rolls, was confirmed.

On motion, adjourned to Dec. 11, 1851.

December 11.

The board met pursuant to adjournment on Thursday evening, Dec. 11, 1851.

Meeting called to order.

William McKibbin, Second Assistant Engineer, in chair.

Roll called—10 members present.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Returns of election held on 6th inst., for Chief Engineer, to fill the vacancy occasioned by resignation of Franklin Whitney, were handed in and received.

691 votes were cast, of which
George H. Hossefross,.....received.....346 votes
T. K. Battelle,.....received.....213

Hossefross's majority,.....101

On motion, returns were accepted and placed on file.

On motion, George H. Hossefross was declared elected Chief Engineer, and the Secretary instructed to convey result to the Mayor.

On motion, adjourned to meet on second Tuesday of January, 1852.

The following article from the Bulletin of Monday, called forth by one which appeared in this paper of Saturday last, is just the kind of one which gives us pleasure to republish, and, therefore, we give it place in our columns to-day, trusting that it will have the desired effect. Mr. Dougherty was a member of Monumental No. 6, and Mr. Murray of Columbian No. 11, and both were killed in discharge of their duty as firemen. In what other city of the Union would two such men be forgotten as they have been in San Francisco?

Honor to HEROISM.—It is the habit of many to regard the practical character of the age in which we live as a substitute for the heroic elements of those which preceded it. They speak of chivalry as a characteristic of the past, of loyalty as a sentiment, now fast fading away with the predominance of despotism; of martyrdom as a class only existing in history; of patriotism as a rare attribute in the rule of modern republics. Living in an age of glory, they deny that it approaches in its character, the golden age, and almost indisputably arrive at the conclusion that the triumphs of our time, glorious though they be, are victories of the practical over the ideal—of the coarser over the finer capabilities of human character; that what we have gained in strength and ability we have lost in nobleness of aim and incentive to exertion; that in the establishment of a more general equality, an extended public education, we have lost almost as much in the deposition of the ruling classes as we have gained in elevating those which now occupy a position of inferiority.

It is hardly necessary for us to deny this. We claim that there is sufficient in every man's daily experience to refute it. The age is full of heroism—not the heroism of a class such as the knights and barons of the feudal system, which compelling the multitude to remain wondering and chattering spectators. The heroism of the day is only modified in its aim, not in its character, and its instances in the present are even more numerous than in the past. There is no loyalty on record more worthy of praise, more noble in its devotion, than the loyalty evidenced by the submission to the ex-presse popular will which in the United States succeeds every election. There is no instance in history of unreserved, self-sacrificing effort—whether it be noted in military or civil chronicles—that to which the journals of the day tender their faint ephemeral praise in mentioning the deeds of the Fire Department; no martyrdom in religious records more blessed than that of the men who fall in the performance of their duty in preventing the spread of the devouring element. No soldier's triumph, even in defence of country, equals theirs, for theirs is not a victory stained with blood.

While we acknowledge the claims of the heroes of the day—the chivalry of the nineteenth century—let us take heed that the honor be given where it is really deserved—that the spirit of those who are living be not quenched by the neglect of honors due to heroic death; their noble emulation chilled by a spectacle of ingratitude. It was with a mingled feeling of sorrow and shame that we perused the following in the last number of the Fireman's Journal:

On Monday last we had occasion, with several

friends (members of the Fire Department), to visit the grave yard attached to the Catholic Church at the Mission; and after having disposed of our business, the thought struck us that we would take a look at the graves of Dougherty and Murray, members of the organization—killed in the discharge of their duty—and see what care and attention had been bestowed upon them.

After a steady search of about twenty minutes, and making many inquiries respecting the matter, we found what was represented to us as being the graves of those men; but the absence of everything, which should indicate a spot of that character, led us to doubt the truth of the information imparted us as to their identity. Upon close inspection we found the name of Thomas Murray inscribed in pencil, by "Arthur O'Neil," upon a head board, about six inches square; the wind and the rain had almost obliterated the writing. At the grave of Dougherty there was simply a number, "193," painted on a stick—and nothing more.

The paper from which we quote, follows the above with an appeal to the Fire Department, to raise appropriate monuments over the graves of these fallen heroes. We hope the response will come from a wider field of appreciation. We trust our community—not alone the portion attached to the service in which these champions fell—will join in paying the tribute justly due to the memory of the martyrs. Let the offering be as general as were the benefits it so imperfectly acknowledges.—Who can refuse to contribute his mite in such a cause? Who does not blush that duty to the dead has been so long neglected, and is not ready to unite in its speedy performance?

The New Regime.

Franklin E. R. Whitney, Chief Engineer, William Oscar Smith, First Assistant, David T. Van Orden, Second Assistant, and Charles S. Simpson, Third Assistant Engineer of the Fire Department, and P. M. Whitney, Chief's Secretary, entered upon a discharge of their duties on Monday last—ex-Chief Engineer Nuttman handing over to the first named gentleman the books and papers appertaining to the office. The utmost good feeling prevailed, and every courtesy shown the incoming administration by the retiring officers. All the information desired by Mr. Whitney was freely and in the most handsome manner given by Mr. Nuttman and his private Secretary, Mr. Whalen.

On Monday evening an entertainment was given at the house of Howard Engine Company No. 3, by Mr. James Page, of the Railroad House, in honor of Mr. Whitney, at which a large number of the members of No. 3 and their friends participated.

A table well provided with every delicacy, with an abundance of champagne, was prepared, and at 9 o'clock P. M., Mr. Chase, the foreman of No. 3, in a few apt and appropriate remarks, invited the company present to partake, which they did with a "will."

Mr. Page, the host of the occasion, being called far, returned thanks briefly for the honor shown him, and called upon Chief Engineer Whitney to respond for him; in the course of whose remarks he distinctly stated that, in the discharge of his duties as Chief Engineer of the San Francisco Fire Department his motto would be "no favors to 3 more than to any other company in the organization;" they must not look for it nor demand it; he would do all in his power to advance their interests with the rest of the Department, and they must ask nothing further.

Speeches followed from Messrs. Hossefross of No. 6, Van Orden 2d, Assistant Engineer, Hunt, of Empire 1, Boruck of the Fireman's Journal, Lane of No. 7, Silverthorn of No. 6 and others. At 104 o'clock, messengers who had been dispatched in search of Mr. Nuttman, (the entertainment having been prepared at a moment's notice,) returned in company with that gentleman and Mr. Mestayer, a member of Knickerbocker 5. On the appearance of Mr. Nuttman, those present rose en masse and greeted him with three times three, and a tiger, one of the old sort; and displayed an enthusiasm alike honorable to the Howard's and their friends, as gratifying to Mr. Nuttman. When the cheering had subsided, Mr. Nuttman briefly addressed the assemblage, and said that the reception he had met with, was nothing more than he expected from the Howard company—a company, which, during his whole career as Chief Engineer of the Department, had implicitly obeyed him. He hoped the company would as implicitly obey their new Chief.

The remarks of Mr. Nuttman, which were well worded and well timed received vehement applause from those present.

Wine, wit, sentiment and song followed in quick succession; all happy, all contented, all cordial with each other. At 11 o'clock as Mr. Nuttman was about withdrawing, the Chief elect leading off "Auld lang syne" was sung, in the most touching and beautiful manner that we have ever heard it. After Mr. Nuttman retired, the company sang one or two interesting and sentimental songs, and then dispersed—or rather the writer of this did.

Reform.

We have all along advocated the retention of old and experienced bell ringers, on the City Hall Bell, but the firemen with which party in the Fire Department has heretofore controlled everything, has prevented any such desire from being consummated. At the late election, although we had personal friends in nomination, and successful in obtaining the position, still we entertained the hope, that at least two of the old bell ringers, might be elected. The changing and chopping, wire-pulling and trading on that occasion, defeated Ken-

ny, otherwise a very excellent trio of bell ringers, might have been in office. It would tend greatly to the advantage of the Department, if the bell ringers were elected for a permanent, subject to the orders of the Chief Engineer and Board of Delegates; and only discharged for bad conduct or incompetency.

It is almost superfluous to say that the whole life of the Fire Department is in the promptness with which an alarm is given, and the activity shown in responding to it. No dependence can be placed in any man, who has had no experience in such a responsible position as bell ringer; and he should not attempt to exercise any of its duties, until thoroughly and completely posted.

There is no sense in endangering the lives and limbs of the firemen, and the durability of the apparatus, to allow a bell ringer, to practice rigging the districts on the Hall Bell. Our object is not to find fault with the bell ringer of Saturday night last, who composed that combination of sweet sounds which so electrified the Department that not one of the component parts of the organization, knew which way to turn. It was his first attempt and was consequently nervous, although up in his part. On that night it might with truth be said:

"The battle is not always to the strong
Nor the race to the swift."

Stringent measures must be adopted to ensure, prompt and correct alarms from the Hall Bell; and every dereliction of duty should be punished, whether friend or foe; and the fact of a bell ringer being new in place, should weigh but very little in his favor. He should be competent for the place otherwise he should not take it. It certainly would be beneficial, if the new bell ringers, were allowed one hour on Monday next, say 12 o'clock M., for instance, to study the districts, and strike the bell accordingly. Our idea however, we believe to be the best; appoint bell ringers to keep their offices as long as they behave themselves and do their duty.

Baltimore.

The following is relation to the Fire Department of Baltimore in from a correspondent of the New York Mercury:

Mechanical Engine Co. No. 1, lays in Calvert street, near Water. The house is four stories in height, and the front of which is painted in imitation of brown stone. The first floor is used to keep their apparatus in, a description of which you gave last week. A wide passage way entering from the street leads the visitor the meeting and library room of the company, which is on the second floor.

A book-case extending the entire length of the room, contains two thousand volumes, which comprise the library. The second floor is magnificently furnished, the floor being finely carpeted, whilst the rich furniture

